

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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Captain
Lindon Howard Russell
Higinbotham

3rd Battalion



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A.I.F. 3rd Batten.

HIGHBOTHAM
Capt. L.H.R.

"DIED OF WOUNDS"

Died of wounds 21/8/18. Aust. Field Amb.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs List 5/8/18.

London
5/8/18.

3rd A.I.F.

Higinbotham. Cpt. L.H.R.

(D/W. June 21/18)
Dets. /B.

"Capt. Higinbotham was hit by a piece of poisoned shell on June 21st 1918 at Strazelle on the Flanders front, he died when he reached the 1st Aid Post. He is buried in the British cemetery at La Krenille on the main Hazebrouck Road. His grave is marked. Capt. Higinbotham was one of the finest men in Command and very popular."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: A Stocky chap, cleanshaven had always charge of A Coy. 3rd A.I.F.

Informant: Skinner. 7322.

3rd A.I.F. A Coy.

No. III Section War Hospital,
Exeter.

Home address:

C/o Mrs. Robinson,

Pine Grove, Coomanby. N.S. Wales.

18.8.18.

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Higinbotham, Capt; L.H.R.

O/W. 21/6/18.

I saw his grave in the military cemetery at Suire, it had a cross giving all particulars. I was in the Capt.'s Company (A). He was most popular with all and will be greatly missed.

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Daggett, H. Opl. 3272.

A 18. Dartford. 20/6/18.

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Harre

23rd August 1918.

Australians. 3.

Higinbotham Capt. L.H.R.

D/W 21st June 1918. Det D/B.

He is buried at Harre Cemetery and the grave is marked by a large white cross with the Battle Colours and the Captain's name etc. I saw it about a month ago.

Inf:- Corp T. Boyle No. 1405.
Australians. 3. B. Vill.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

CWSG.

J. A.

RP.

D/W June 21/18. Det. D/B

Capt. Higinbotham was a grazier before joining the army. He was Capt. of A Co. and most popular. He was hit by a shell or T.M. and badly damaged during a raid we were making on a German post at Strazelle. I did not see him hit, but know that he was buried at Bore near Strazelle. The grave is a good one and a cross placed on it.

Reference: O.C. Kays, 961. D Co.
No. 11 Con. Camp Buchy Nr. Rouen. 26.8.18.

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Bayre.

26th. August. 1918.

3rd. Australians.

Higinbotham, Captain, L. H. R.

D/W. June. 21/1918. Dets. D/B.

Captain Higinbotham came from Ararat, N.S.W. I was with him in the attack in the Merrie Sector; he was hit by a rifle grenade in the leg; we got him down to the P.A.P. where he died. He was buried at Bore Cemetery near Bore Church opposite the Brasserie. A Cross was put up. I have seen the Grave. The ground is in our hands.

Inf:- C/S/E. Button. 1506.
3rd. Australians. A.
Hospital Ship.

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OP.

Bayre.

28th. August. 1918.

3rd. Australians.

Higinbotham, Captain, L. H. R.

D/W. June. 21/1918. Dets. D/B.

Captain Higinbotham was my Company Officer, A. Coy. He was wounded at Merrie & was carried out of the line by L/Corporal Sigurd & others. He was buried, I think, at Bore Cemetery. I have seen the ~~grave~~ which was marked; but not the Grave.
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Inf:- Private. T. Eagleham. 1526.
3rd. Australians. A. 2.
Hospital Ship.

WEB.

OP.

Havre

28th August 1918.

Australians. 3.

Higinbotham Capt. L.H.R.

D/W 21st June 1918. Det D/B.

He was my Company Commander and I knew him well. He was tall, stout, well made, clean shaven, and about 40-50 years of age. I was with him at the time at Strazeele Ridge near Merris ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ Just before we were to go over the top the Germans threw a hand grenade into the trench and wounded the Captain, severely in the leg. He was carried out and attended to at Berre, but died shortly afterwards from loss of blood owing to the fact that as we had no S/Bs in the trench we could not attend to him properly, and were a long time getting him out I saw it all. He was buried at Berre.

Inf:- Pte G.S. Weeks No. 2188.
A.I.F. 3. A. II.
Hospital Ship.

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6/1/18

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Havre.

28th. August. 1918.

3rd. Australians.

Higinbotham, Captain, L. H. R.

D/W. June. 21/1918. Dets. D/B.

In A. Coy. He was hit by a shell while leading his men into a German post in front of Merris about 10. & 11. a.m. He was carried down & died at the D/Station the next day. He had a shattered leg. He was buried, I think, at the D/Station, the 3rd. Field Ambulance at Hougheim.

Inf:- Private. E. Millard. 3312.
3rd. Australians. A. 2.
Hospital Ship.

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6/1/18

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28th. August. 1918.

3rd. Australians.

Higinbotham, Captain, L. H. R.

D/W. June. 21/1918. Dets. D/B.

Was C.O. of A. Coy; had been with Battalion since Xmas, came from N.S.W. tall, well built, slender, medium complexion, clean-shaven. I was in the same Sector of the trench as this Officer. He attacked at Morris. I saw him go out on a Stretcher wounded in the leg. I heard he died at Bore & was buried at Bore Cemetery. I have seen the Cross but not the Grave. Ground is in our hands.

Inf:- L/Corporal. A. H. Header. 1643.
3rd. Australians. A.
Hospital Ship.

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A.I.F. 57th Battrn.

HIGINBOTHAM
Capt. L.H.R.

"DIED OF WOUNDS 21/8/18"

In response to your letter of 5th inst., addressed to 3rd Aust. Field Amb., I have to state that Capt. L.H.R. Higinbotham 3rd Aust. Inf. Battrn., was admitted to the dressing station of this Ambulance at 12.45 a.m. on 21/8/18 with multiple shell wounds (both legs - compound fracture left tibia - right arm).

On admission he was very collapsed, but complained of little pain. He improved after intravenous infusion, and said he felt comfortable and much better, and he went to sleep. His condition then was fairly satisfactory, but he was not fit to be sent on. About 4.30 a.m. he collapsed very suddenly, never regained consciousness, and died despite all attempts at resuscitation. The burial took place at Borre Military Cemetery.

Letter from: - Lt.Col. (O.C.)
1st Aust. Fld. Amb.

London
29/8/18
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3rd Battn.
A.I.F.

HIGINBOTHAM
Capt. L.H.R.

"Died of Wounds 21-6-18"

Re death of Capt. L.H.R. Higinbotham, 3rd Battn. He died at Advanced Dressing Station, and your enquiry has been forwarded to C.O. 1st Aust. Fld. Amb. for attention.

Letter from:- The O.C.,
No. 3 Aust. Fld. Amb.
11-8-18

London
29-8-18
J.E.A.

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3rd Battn.
A.I.F.

HIGINBOTHAM
Capt. L.H.R.

"Died of Wounds 21-6-18"

I carried Capt. Higinbotham back on a limber. We took him to the dressing station at Borre. He was taken inside. It was night time and we all thought he was dead then. He is buried at Borre Cemetery and a small Cross erected. I took the painter up on a limber with the Cross.

Informant. Wright. L.D. 386
3rd Transport Section,
WESTHAM.

W.A:Rand
London
29-8-18
J.E.A.

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3rd Battn.
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HIGINBOTHAM
Capt. L.H.R.

"Died of Wounds 21-6-18"

I did not see the casualty, but he was hit in the legs and very badly knocked. I heard he lived about a day. He was a very popular Officer, was liked by everyone, was fond of sport and gave us every attention. I cannot refer to anyone for details of casualty. I saw his grave at Borre Cemetery, and grave was marked by a Cross, having full details marked thereon.

Informant. Ward. Sgt. P.H. 1843
B.Coy. 3rd Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

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London
31-8-18
J.E.A.

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A.I.F.

HIGINBOTHAM Capt. L.H.R.

D/W. June 21/18. Det. D/B.

We were near Meris on June 21 when Capt. Higinbotham was killed by a H.G. Bullet. I did not see him hit but have seen his grave. He was buried in the Cemetery at Borre. A cross marks the grave. The Captain was a tall, well built man, age 32 or 33 years.

Reference: Geo. Alewood, 6702.

No. 11 Con. Camp Buchy Nr. Rouen. 31.8.18.

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3rd Battn. A.Coy.
A.I.F.

HIGINBOTHAM.
L.H.R. Capt.

"Died of Wounds 21-6-18"

I saw him wounded by a piece of shell in the leg. He practically bled to death - he was later carried to Dressing Station. Died ~~after~~ a few hours after. Was buried in Cemetery Borre. Cross on grave. Major Wilson 3rd Battn. buried him. 35-40 years of age, tall, slight and ruddy and bald. We were advancing in stunt between Merries and Meteren.

Informant:- Pte Davis.C.H.4093.
3rd Battn. A.I.F.
No I Command Depct.
BUTCH VERNY.

E.T.Carter.
London.
3-9-18.
S.A.

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3rd Battn.
A.I.F.

HIGINBOTHAM
Capt. L.H.R.

"Died of Wounds 21-6-18"

He was in A.Coy., and I saw him wounded near Meteren, when he was hit by a M.G. bullet in the knee, whilst leading his support Pltn. into action on 19-6-18, about 8-30 in the evening. He was conscious when taken back to Battn. Hqts., and there conversed with Lt.Col.Moore, D.S.O., and was then taken to dressing station at Borre. I knew him well and he was a very popular Officer, being well liked by everyone. I cannot give details of burial, but think he was buried at St.Omer. Refer to Lt.Col.Moore, D.S.O., for particulars.

Informant., Callaghan. Cpl.W.J. 1518
A.Coy. 3rd Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
London
9-9-18
H.G.

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3rd Battn.
A.I.F.

HIGINBOTHAM.
Capt. L.H.R.

"Died of Wounds 21-6-18"

He was attended to at our R.A.P. Strazeele by Capt. Bloomfield.R.M.O. of 3rd A.I.F. and died at the C.C.S. at Boore. I understand that he was wounded in the leg and died after an operation. He is buried in the Military Cemetery at Boore. He was of A.Coy.(O.C.) and the only officer of the name in Battalion.

Informant:- Lt.C.H.E.Ray.
3rd A.I.F.Transport.
3rd London General Hpl.
WANDSWORTH.

A.G.Campbell.
London.
24-9-18.
H.G.

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3rd Battn.
A.I.F.

HIGINBOTHAM.
L.H.R. Capt.

"Died of Wounds 26-6-18"

I state that Capt Higinbotham was hit on June 20th at Herdheft near Merris in the knee by machine gun and he died four hours afterwards from shock and loss of blood. He just faded away and died at the Field Ambulance. He was buried at Boore Military Cemetery. Full particulars have been already given by his Brother - in law Lieut Sandersen now in Mc 3 Hospital. 20th Battalion. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Mc.
Description:- Fair, medium height, very popular,
absolutely fine character. (Howard)

Home address:-

Informant:- Hawkshaw.E,Lient. (Entirely reliable)
3rd Battn.A.I.F.
3rd London General Hpl.
WANDSWORTH.

W.Arnell Davis.
London.
10-10-18.

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1st Lt.
A.I.F.

HIGGINBOTHAM.
L.H.R. Spl. Corp.

"Died of Wounds 21-6-18"

He is buried in Herre Military Cemetery Plot 2. Row.B.
Grave 7. I am his brother in law and have seen his grave.

Eye-Witness: - Yes.

Description: -

Home address: -

Informant: - Sanderson.W.Lieut.(Accurate)
20th Battn.A.I.F.
3rd London General Hpl.
WANDSWORTH.

G.W.N.Lowe.
London.
10-10-18.

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J.B.A.

C. Smith

The Secretary,
Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau,
Australian Red Cross Society,
L o n d o n.

1st Australian Field Ambulance.

13th August, 1918.

Captain L. H. R. Higinbotham

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J. H. D. G. W. 21.6.18 S₂

In response to your letter of 5th inst. addressed to 3rd Aust. Field Ambulance, I have to state that Captain L. H. R. HIGINBOTHAM, 3rd Aust. Inf. Bn., was admitted to the dressing station of this Ambulance at 12.45 a.m. on 21/6/'18 with multiple shell wounds (both legs - compound fracture left tibia -, right arm).

On admission he was very collapsed, but complained of little pain. He improved after intravenous infusion, and said he felt comfortable and much better, and went to sleep. His condition then was fairly satisfactory, but he was not fit to be sent on. About 4.30 a.m. he collapsed very suddenly, never regained consciousness, and died despite all attempts at resuscitation.

The burial took place at BORRE Military Cemetery.

Yours faithfully,



Lt. Col.

C. O. 1st Aust. Field Ambulance.

The Secretary.
Wounded Enquiry
Bureau
Aust Red Cross Society

3RD
AUSTRALIAN
FIELD AMBULANCE.
No. _____
Date 11/8/12

(1) Re death of Captain L.R. HIGINBOTHAM
3rd Bn A.I.F.

I have to advise in answer
to your enquiry of 5th inst
that abovesanamed officer died at
Advanced Dressing Station and
your enquiry has been forwarded
to CO, 1st Aust Field Amb for
attention.

(1) Lt Col
Camp
Comdng 1403 Aust Field Amb
L.H.R.
Capt Higinbotham
3 Bn
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